



The Temptation of Jesus

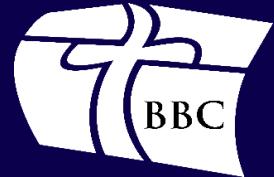
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If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “ ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”



And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.” And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”



And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.



BLUE LETTER BIBLE

	Matt.	Mark	Luke	John
The Baptism of Christ	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-22	1:32-34
Temptation of Christ	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	

Gospel Harmonization

- Matt, Mark, Luke all record the temptation, John does not.
- Matt records the 2nd and 3rd temptation in reverse order than Luke, Mark doesn't go into detail.
- Matt uses all of Deut 8:3 including the phrase *-but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*
- Matt and Mark give insight into the ministry of Angels to Jesus Luke is silent on their work.



Jesus

Vicarious and Victorious

Why a Temptation?

Have you ever wondered?

Thesis:

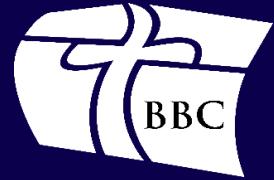
The temptation of Jesus gives us authentic confidence in the promises of victory over sin.

What promises?



1 Corinthians 10:13

•No temptation has overtaken **you that is not common to man.** God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation **he will also provide the way of escape,** that you may be able to endure it.



Hebrews 2:18

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



Hebrews 4:12

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

The Temptation demonstrates

**Jesus is the only capable and authentic
2nd Adam who is able to rightly fulfill
the ministry of Great High Priest.**

3 Things to prove

- The ministry of Jesus was **Atonement**.
- Jesus was **Authentically Human** + **Perfectly Divine**
- We have **Access** to the same **Spirit and Word**



Christ's Ministry

Atonement

Jesus' Ministry Defined in the gospels

Mathew 1:21	...Save His people from their sins
Luke 19:10	...Seek and Save the Lost
Luke 5:32	I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”
John 1:29	“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!



CAUTION

Under Attack!!

- The ministry of Jesus is being challenged today. It's being shaped into a mission of peace, and reconciliation on a social level. Or something else...



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JESUS' TEACHING

Did Jesus preach, as best we know? And if he did preach what kinds of things did he preach about?



When Jesus speaks, the major verb that is used in the gospel accounts is "to teach...." He teaches his disciples, he teaches in the synagogues, he teaches the crowds.... What is he teaching? Well, we have again a complex variety of things, which don't quite hang together entirely. We, of course, have notions of repentance.... He is asking Jews to repent of their sins, to expect the end time or the Kingdom of God, that somehow that we need to improve our ways so as to prepare ourselves for whatever God has in store for us. That is one clear

notion of preaching on his part, which we might say is a preaching for repentance. But we also have him teaching verses from the scripture, which he quotes, verses from Isaiah or other passages, and again dealing with the Son of God, whatever that means exactly, referring again, apparently the Messiah, or some equivalent redeemer figure of the end time. It's hard to make sense out of all these different things together.



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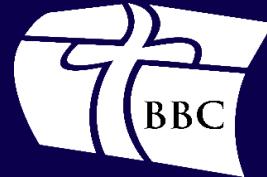
THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

From a strictly historical perspective, then, we don't really know all that much about the ministry of Jesus. It might have been very brief, depending on which gospel you read, it might have been as short as only a few months or as long as three years, but if we take the smaller version of the story, if we take the more limited historical perspective that Mark's gospel offers us, for example, Jesus seems to have started preaching in the Galilee. He's associated with cities, smallish cities like Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, market towns, fishing centers and so on. And he deals with some farmers and some city folks but that's about all we hear....

His public ministry, though, seems to have focused especially around the working of miracles, casting out demons, healing people. He was known as a miracle worker. He travels around some but mostly in the Galilee. And, at least in Mark's gospel, he never even thinks of going to Jerusalem until the very last week of his life. So the geographical frame of reference of Jesus' life, at least in Mark's gospel, is limited to the Galilean context for the most part. And that's very different than John's gospel which has Jesus in Jerusalem from a very early stage. Now from a historical perspective, these two stories don't mesh together very well, and we have to be very careful about what we say about the life of Jesus....[I]t's probably better to be safe than sorry and say "What's the least we can say? What can we really know?" And then work from there in talking about how the stories developed.

It sounds as if, when you come right down to it, you really can't know very much about it.

We don't know much about the life of Jesus in the final analysis: We know he was a public figure, we know he gathered some kind of a following, we know he eventually went to Jerusalem and there he was arrested and executed. The rest of the story is filled by the gospels by talking about his life as a significant life. But the minimalist perspective of the historian has to say, it's a life that we don't know in detail until his death.



Matthew 10:35

For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

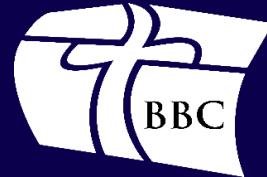
Christ's Words



Matthew 26:11

For you always have the poor with you,
but you will not always have me.

Christ's Words



Luke 2:49

And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Christ’s Words

- If Christ's ministry is not atonement, then we have no hope in conquering sin, and the promises of Hebrews and other scriptures are empty, powerless words.



All God + All Man

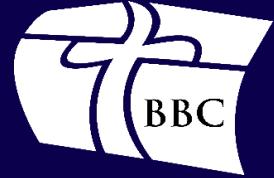
Hypostatic Union

He Must Be Both!



Christ's Humanity

Authentic



Luke 4:1

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

Obvious...but important.

Jesus was hungry because He didn't eat, He had a stomach and a brain that told Him He didn't eat.

Docetism = False Doctrine

- Docetism, (from Greek *dokein*, “to seem”), Christian heresy and one of the earliest Christian sectarian doctrines, affirming that Christ did not have a real or natural body during his life on earth but only an apparent or phantom one.

Why does this matter?

- This isn't really a big deal is it?
- Isn't it just semantics?

The Cross

The Scripture goes out of it's way to validate the authenticity of Jesus in the flesh. With the ultimate evidence, and price being a real and literal death.





Incredible Clue

Luke 3:38



The genealogy of Christ

³⁸ The son of Enos, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam, the son of God.**



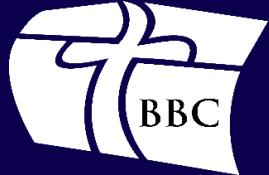
***Not Back to David, not back to
Abraham, but back to Adam***

Why?



God hasn't forgotten His promise to ADAM

This genealogy reminds us that in the garden there was a promise made. And God keeps His promises.

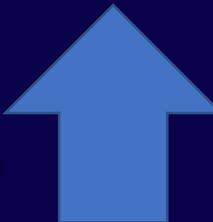


Jesus' Response V.4

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him, “It is written, **Man** shall not live by bread alone.

Another Clue



Interesting!

**Satan says, Son of God...Jesus replies
“Man”**

Why?

“Son of God”

- The tendency is for folks to assume that when Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man, that He was speaking of His human nature, and when He's referred to as the Son of God, He was being referred to vis-à-vis His divine nature. Well, it's not as simple as all of that, because both of these titles have within them elements that refer to His deity and to His humanity. But if anything, the emphasis on the two is just the opposite of what we would normally expect.

-RC Sproul

“Son of God” ..continued.

- The title “Son of God” is given, in the first instance in Scripture, to those who manifest obedience to the Father. Sonship is defined predominately, not in biological terms here, but in terms of being in one accord or submissive towards, and so on.

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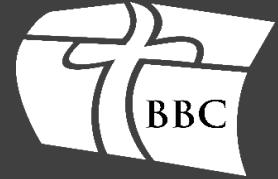
Temptation #1

Distrust God

An alternate ~~bad~~ example

- This scripture comes from the wilderness experience of the Children of Israel.
- They were all over the map of trust of God.

Deuteronomy 8:3



And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

What is Satan Challenging?

**Christ's ability trust in God
while in a fleshly frame.**

Jesus Passes the Test

- Christ's trust in God to provide what He needs and His total dependence on the Spirit's leading gives us our first confidence that it's possible. Adam may have failed the test, but the 2nd Adam remained unmoved.

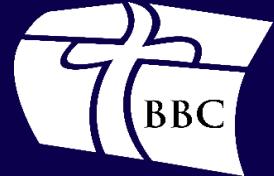
Christ Must Be Fully Human

- Without a truly authentic Human, the cross and the promises of atonement and redemption are meaningless.**



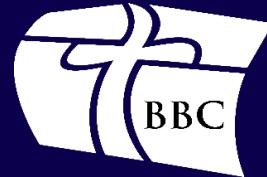
Temptation #2

Self Worship



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Jesus Response

And Jesus answered him, “**It is written,**
“ **You shall worship the Lord your God,**
and him only **shall you serve.”**

Deceptive Offer

1. Satan has as much authority as God his master gives him...period.
2. And Satan still owes God worship.
3. It ultimately will be Christ's anyway.



Temptation #3

Question God's Sovereignty



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Satan tries quoting some scripture

Psalm 91

What was he thinking?

But it backfires.

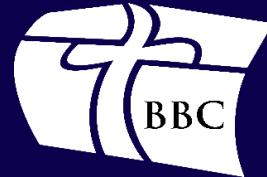
**Out of the mouth of God's enemy is
a validation that Psalm 91 is talking
about Jesus.**

Genesis 3 – Same Old Tactic

He (SATAN) said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

Genesis 3 - Remember the Garden

**4 But the serpent said to the woman,
“You will not surely die. 5 For God
knows that when you eat of it your
eyes will be opened, and you will be
like God, knowing good and evil.”**



Jesus Response

And Jesus answered him, “*It is said*, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God **to the test**.’”

You have no right Satan!

**Jesus says, “How dare you question
the timing of God, and the love He
has for His Son!”**

Satan You’re Nothing!

Philippians 2:6 – 7

•6 Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

What do we see so far?

- **1st Adam – Failed to trust God.**
- **Children of Israel – Failed to trust God.**
- **Satan continues to fail and plans for more.**

But the 2nd Adam has VICTORY

- Perfectly repels the advances of the evil one. He leaves no doubt. Look at the language, *when Satan completed all the temptations.*

Were there more?

- Hebrews says, “in all points like we are”

How does this help me?

- **This is what we want to know.**
- **We want more than a nice theology lesson, we want armor against attacks and weapons to take down strongholds.**
- **We want to know if the promises are true.**

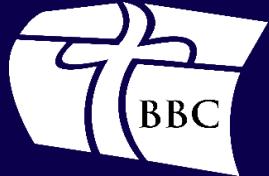


Look the Work Of the Spirit



Turn Back To

Luke 3:21-22

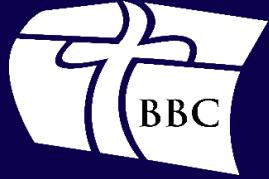


²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the **Holy Spirit descended on him** in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”**



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Luke 4:14

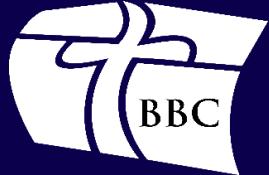
And Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit to Galilee**, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.



All Access

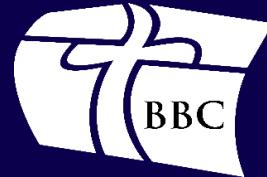
Same Spirit, Same Word

How?



Galatians 5:16-18

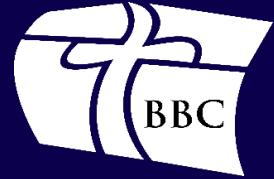
16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh **are against the Spirit**, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



Hebrews 4:12

- For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

The Bible's Commentary on itself.



Hebrews 7:26

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.**

3 Keys to Access Victory

- Walk in or by “The Spirit”
- A proper understanding of the word “flesh”
- Trust Christ’s work as complete



Do We Have the Same Spirit?



Do We Have the Same Christ



Do We Have the Same Word?



What do you think?

Do the Promises stand?